GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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REVITALISATION OF SUGAR INDUSTRY
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of export/import of sugar during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) whether the Government proposes to set up any committee to work out a revitalisation package for sugar industry;

(c) if so, by when it is likely to be set up; and

(d) the extent to which it is expected to benefit the sugar growers in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a): The year-wise details of export/import of sugar during the last three years are given below:

Financial Year	Export of Sugar (in lakh M.Ts)	Import of Sugar (in lakh M.Ts)
2001-2002	14.56	0.26
2002-2003	14.71	0.41
2003-2004	11.84	0.51

Source : Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence & Statistics, Ministry of Commerce, Kolkata.

(b), (c) & (d): The Committee on Revitalisation of Sugar Industry which was set up under the chairmanship of Shri S.K. Tuteja, Secretary (Food and PD) on March 12, 2004 to review the present status of sugar industry in the country, to identify the problems faced by it and suggest a package for revitalization of industry to make it vibrant self-sustained and globally competitive submitted its report on December 2, 2004. The Committee`s recommendations are in the areas of sugarcane agriculture, deregulation of sugar, financial restructuring and meeting credit needs of the industry, technology upgradation, product based diversification and training, research and development.